



Policy and Administration

Objectives

- I. Establish a business case for aging and mental health issues



- II. Make mental wellness a priority among policy makers

- III. Make mental wellness a priority among program administrators

Actions

- Highlight the demographic imperative associated with the growth of Iowa's older adult population
 - Link the lack of mental health care with negative consequences and reduced quality of life
 - Define financial problems caused by the lack of identification and treatment of older Iowans with mental illnesses
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- Conduct letter writing campaign
 - Host legislative breakfast
 - Make district home--office visits
 - Support other efforts to improve the care provided to older Iowans with mental illnesses
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- Increase recruitment of program administrators into the ICMHA
 - Integrate members of the ICMHA into other provider associations
 - Support the development of targeted programs for persons with mental illnesses

The Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (ICMHA) exists to expand and improve mental health care for older Iowans so that they can live, learn, recreate, engage in meaningful activities and access appropriate services in the communities of their choice.

Anyone who is interested in expanding and improving the care provided to older Iowans with mental illnesses is welcome to join.

Coalition members who are interested in the policies and planning that affects the administration, management or actual provision of clinical services are encouraged to join the Policy and Administration Work Group.

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Public Policy Objectives

- Establish the business case for aging and mental health issues
- Support policies & programs that advance education & training
- Support policies & programs that advance outreach & clinical services